

Remarks

Claims 1-38 remain pending in the present application.

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims that are drawn to nine distinct groups of inventions, namely:

Group I, claims 1-6,
Group II, claims 7-12,
Group III, claims 13-15,
Group IV, claims 16-20,
Group V, claims 21-23,
Group VI, claims 24-29,
Group VII, claims 30-34,
Group VIII, claim 35, and
Group IX, claims 36-38.

In view of this restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-6. This election is with traverse because at least some of the claims should be rejoined because they share the same or corresponding special technical feature. For example claims 7-12 (Group II) should be rejoined because these claims share the same or corresponding special technical feature of the culture of morphotes according to claim 2 of Group I.

It is further noted that the Office Action characterizes the claims of Group I as being drawn to "a morphote." These claims are, in fact, drawn to a culture of morphotes.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4420 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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